



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 10, 2013

The Forest Preserve Commission meeting was called to order by President Hoscheit at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in the County Board Room at the Kane County Government Center, Building A, 719 Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vazquez

Present: Monica Meyers, Executive Director
Ken J. Stanish, Director of Finance
Jerry Culp, Director of Planning and Development
John Goreth, Director of Operations
Laurie Metanchuk, Director of Community Affairs
Drew Ullberg, Director of Natural Resources
Tracey Smith, Director of Human Resources
Bill Glisson, Police Sargent
Jerry Hodge, Attorney
Pat Kinnally, Attorney
Patricia Hestekin, Recording Secretary

The roll call of Commissioners present included: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust (late), Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Schefflow, Silva (late), Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki.

Commissioners absent: None

MINUTES: President Hoscheit called for approval of the August 2, 2013 minutes.

-Motion by Commissioner Laesch, seconded by Commissioner Haimann, to approve the minutes August 2, 2013 as read: motion carried.

Commissioner Davoust enters at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Mr. Howard Koop of 1135 Barkston Lane, Aurora requested permission to address the Commissioners on the tax levy. Mr. Koop is a resident of the Stonegate Senior Community and believes every agency and government entity needs to hold the line on taxes. The tax increases are difficult for not only senior citizens but all residents of Kane County*

County Board Chairman Lauzen thanked the Commissioners on all the good work they do for the Forest Preserve and he requested the Commissioners consider delaying the vote on the levy and to consider other avenues for revenue sources until 2016 - 17 when the bonds will be repaid, such as grants, river boat monies or reaching into the District's reserves. Try not to make things harder for the residents of Kane County by raising the property tax levy. The District and the Commissioners can buy a lot of good will by not raising the property tax levy. Thank you.

William Blatner of 1138 Barkston Lane, Aurora commented that property values are declining and many residents are trying to control expenditures. Many residents in his area cannot afford a tax increase and may have to sell their homes as they are senior citizens and live on fixed incomes. He asked the District to decrease expenditures.

Commissioner Silva enters at this time.

BILLS: President Hoscheit called for approval of the bills.

-Motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded Commissioner Castro, to pay the bills as presented.

COMMISSIONERS PER DIEM

Allan, Deborah	\$ 30.00	Kojzarek, Kurt	\$ 30.00
Auger, Maggie	\$ 60.00	Laesch, Jenifer	\$ 30.00
Castro, Cristina	\$ 30.00	Lewis, Phil	\$ 30.00
Davoust, Mark	\$ 90.00	Molina, Myrna	\$ 30.00
Donahue, Michael	\$ 60.00	Pollock, Brian	\$ 30.00
Ford, Ron	\$ 30.00	Scheflow, Douglas	\$ 60.00
Frasz, Drew	\$ 60.00	Smith, Thomas	\$ 30.00
Gillam, Rebecca	\$ 60.00	Taylor, Melisa	\$ 30.00
Haimann, Joseph	\$ 30.00	Vazquez, Jesse	\$ 90.00
Kenyon, Michael	\$ 90.00	Wojnicki, Barbara	\$ 60.00
		Total	\$960.00

Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS:

President Hoscheit called for a motion to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2249, a resolution authorizing a Change Order on the bid for the carpentry work at the Big Rock Campground and Resolution FP-R-09-13-2250, a resolution authorizing a Change Order on the bid for ADA parking lot improvement project.

-Motion by Commissioner Kenyon, seconded by Commissioner Frasz, to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2249, a resolution authorizing a Change Order on the bid for the carpentry work at the Big Rock Campground and Resolution FP-R-09-13-2250, a resolution authorizing a Change Order on the bid for ADA parking lot improvement project.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

) ss.

COUNTY OF K A N E)

RESOLUTION NO. FP-R-09-13-2249

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER ON THE BID FOR
THE CARPENTRY WORK AT THE BIG ROCK CAMPGROUND**

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and received for the carpentry work at the Big Rock Campground which includes the flush restrooms and the carpentry work for the garage; and

WHEREAS, the qualified low bidder with respect thereto for the flush restrooms was, Hargrave Builders of South Elgin, Illinois for the amount of \$137,100; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the District to change this approved amount, to allow for additional carpentry work associated with construction of the walls and completing the roof for the campground garage in the amount of \$7,512.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois that the approved bid amount awarded to Hargrave Builders of South Elgin, Illinois to be changed and increased by \$7,512.50, for a total contract price not to exceed \$144,615.50.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2013

APPROVED:

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF K A N E)

RESOLUTION NO. FP-R-09-13-2250

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER ON THE BID FOR
ADA PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and received for the ADA improvements of driveways and accessible parking on District property; and

WHEREAS, the qualified low bidder with respect thereto, for the ADA improvements of driveways and accessible parking on District properties is Schroeder Asphalt of Huntley, Illinois in the amount of \$79,961; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the District to change this approved amount, by removing the restriping of Burnidge / Paul Wolff Lot 1, Fabyan Lot B-1 and Big Rock Lots 1 and 2 and increasing Fabyan Lot A-1, for additional pavement removal, asphalt paving, and grading for an overall project scope increase of 1,115 square feet in the amount of \$5,540.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois that the approved bid amount awarded to Schroeder Asphalt of Huntley, Illinois to be changed and increased by \$5,540.00, for a total contract price not to exceed \$85,501.00.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2013

APPROVED:

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried.

President Hoscheit called for a motion to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2251, a resolution authorizing the District to apply for the *Toyota Togethergreen Innovation Grant* to continue the Veterans Conservation Corps of Chicagoland.

-Motion by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Pollock, to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2251, a resolution authorizing the District to apply for the *Toyota Togethergreen Innovation Grant* to continue the Veterans Conservation Corps of Chicagoland.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF K A N E)

RESOLUTION NO. FP-R-09-13-2251

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO
 APPLY FOR THE *TOYOTA TOGETHERGREEN INNOVATION GRANT* TO CONTINUE
 THE VETERANS CONSERVATION CORPS OF CHICAGOLAND**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County desires to continue to work with the Veterans Conservation Corps of Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, the National Audubon Society and Toyota have encouraged Staff to apply for the *Toyota TogetherGreen Innovation Grant* to establish the Veterans Conservation Corps Work Training Program within Kane County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to seek the *Toyota TogetherGreen Innovation Grant* Illinois from National Audubon Society and Toyota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County that the President and Secretary be and hereby are authorized to seek grants from the National Audubon Society and Toyota for the *Toyota TogetherGreen Innovation Grant*.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2013

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

 President, Board of Commissioners
 Forest Preserve District of Kane County

 Secretary, Board of Commissioners
 Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried.

President Hoscheit called for a motion to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2252, a resolution authorizing the disbursement of Fox River Trust Funds to the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for the Fabyan bridge / island improvements.

-Motion by Commissioner Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2252, a resolution authorizing the disbursement of Fox River Trust Funds to the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for the Fabyan bridge / island improvements.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF K A N E)

RESOLUTION NO. FP-R-09-13-2252

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF
FOX RIVER TRUST FUNDS TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY FOR THE
FABYAN BRIDGE / ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County has been designated as the Trustee of the Fox River Trust, by the Fox River Trust Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Fox River Trust Agreement has established that the Trustee, at its sole discretion, may use the proceeds from the Fox River Trust for the purposes which the Trustee deems beneficial to the Fox River, its aquatic and plant life, or properties which immediately adjoin the banks of the Fox River; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County have earmarked the remaining funds of approximately \$475,000 in the Fox River Trust for use towards the engineering, permits, design work and construction for the Fabyan bridge / island improvements as discussed in this year's budget process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, that the President and the Secretary shall and are hereby authorized to provide support to the District for the Fabyan bridge / island improvements with the remaining funds of approximately \$475,000.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2013.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried.

President Hoscheit called for a motion to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2253, a resolution granting a Conservation Easement on the property known as the Les Arends Forest Preserve located in Batavia Township.

-Motion by Commissioner Davoust, seconded by Commissioner Wojnicki, to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2253, a resolution granting a Conservation Easement on the property known as the Les Arends Forest Preserve located in Batavia Township.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF K A N E)

RESOLUTION NO. FP-R-08-13-2253

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE
 PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE LES ARENDS FOREST PRESERVE
 LOCATED IN BATAVIA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County has the authority to purchase real estate for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County authorized a contract to purchase property located immediately north and adjacent to the Les Arends Forest Preserve property located in Batavia Township (the "Property" as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto) to preserve and protect native flora, fauna, cultural resources, soils, watersheds and drainage patterns of the property, but the contract to purchase did not contain specific reference to a conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the Seller of the Property and certain adjoining landowners desire to have Seller impose a conservation easement upon the Property (all as more particularly set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto) as a condition of making a donation of funds by an adjoining landowner to assist the Forest Preserve District to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District agrees with the terms of the conservation easement for the benefit of the Property and adjoining properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to conservation easement, a northerly 20 foot buffer area will be created in the Property, provided, however that the Forest Preserve District staff will retain the right, among other things, to enter the Property for management and maintenance, including but not limited to, planting native trees, grasses and forbs and to trim, remove, mow or burn vegetation to encourage proper growth and maintenance of native species according to the good stewardship standards of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County that the Seller of the Property is approved to impose a conservation easement in the form as attached hereto as Exhibit B upon the Property as part of the conveyance the Property to the District, pursuant to the prior approved contract, and as a condition of the making of a donation by the adjacent landowner toward the purchase price of the Property under the contract.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 10th day of September, 2013

APPROVED:

 President, Board of Commissioners
 Forest Preserve District of Kane County

ATTEST:

 Secretary, Board of Commissioners
 Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Barreiro, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Laesch, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Starrett, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried.

President Hoscheit called for a motion to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2254, a resolution accepting the 2014-15 estimated budget for the purpose of Levying Taxes for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.

-Motion by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Donahue, to bring to the floor Resolution FP-R-09-13-2254, a resolution accepting the 2014-15 estimated budget for the purpose of Levying Taxes for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
OF KANE COUNTY

2014 – 2015
Res No. FP-R-09-13-2254

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR
TAX LEVY PURPOSES

Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Summary of All Operating Funds

Proposed Budget

Fiscal Year 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015

Fund	Description of Fund	Proposed Expenses	Revenues From Other Sources	Revenues from General Taxation
01	General Corporate	7,453,100	2,080,600	5,372,500
02	Illinois Municipal Retirement	418,570	3,570	415,000
03	Construction & Development	4,187,300	390,500	174,500
06	Insurance Liability	294,000	1,200	260,000
08	Social Security	320,270	2,870	317,400
	Totals	12,673,240	2,478,740	6,539,400

Historical Summary of Operating Funds - Tax Levies

Fund	Description of Fund	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Request	Increase
01	General Corporate	5,050,551	5,242,555	5,372,500	129,945
	Tax Rate	0.037379	0.042165	0.043210 ¹	2.48%
02	Illinois Municipal Retirement	365,763	405,081	415,000	9,919
	Tax Rate	0.002707	0.003258	0.003338 ¹	2.45%
03	Construction & Development	171,599	174,565	174,500	(65)
	Tax Rate	0.001270	0.001404	0.001403 ¹	-0.04%
06	Insurance Liability	259,831	259,859	260,000	141
	Tax Rate	0.001923	0.002090	0.002091 ¹	0.05%
08	Social Security	317,661	307,479	317,400	9,921
	Tax Rate	0.002351	0.002473	0.002553 ¹	3.23%
	Total Operating Levy	6,165,404	6,389,539	6,539,400	149,861
	Total Operating Tax Rate	0.045630	0.051390	0.052595¹	2.35%

¹Estimate Only

*Does not include bond & interest levy, a non-operating levy, determined by bonds outstanding.

**Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Proposed Budget for 2014-15**

General Fund

		<u>2012-13</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>Projection</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>2014-15/ 2013-14</u> <u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenue Accounts</u>					
3001	General Property Tax	5,031,184	5,242,500	5,372,500	2.48%
3010	State Replacement Tax	57,360	150,200	150,200	0.00%
3020	Investment Income	16,850	19,400	19,400	0.00%
3030	Federal & State Grants	30,000	-	-	0.00%
3039	Camping - South	-	60,000	70,000	16.67%
3040	General Refunds	3,400	3,500	3,500	0.00%
3041	Miscellaneous Income	88,874	24,000	24,000	0.00%
3045	Japanese Gardens	6,950	7,500	7,500	0.00%
3050	Camping - North	109,229	90,000	90,000	0.00%
3051	Rentals	1,245,302	1,196,000	1,196,000	0.00%
3052	Reservations	56,546	49,000	49,000	0.00%
3053	Golf Courses	379,169	380,000	380,000	0.00%
3056	License Fees	15,243	20,000	20,000	0.00%
3060	Nature Center Programs	8,770	16,000	16,000	0.00%
3061	Reservations - Brewster Creek	26,016	23,000	23,000	0.00%
3062	Reservations - Creek Bend	5,373	10,000	10,000	0.00%
3070	Sale of Material	2,305	15,000	12,000	-20.00%
3080	Police Fines	11,442	10,000	10,000	0.00%
Total Revenues		7,094,012	7,316,100	7,453,100	1.87%
<u>Appropriation Accounts</u>					
Personal Services					
4001	Full-Time Salaries	3,673,429	3,663,500	3,736,770	2.00%
4002	Part-Time Salaries	311,323	414,295	422,581	2.00%
4010	Overtime	9,682	18,000	18,000	0.00%
4020	Special Detail	2,913	3,000	3,000	0.00%
4050	Per Diem	8,460	12,000	12,000	0.00%
Sub-Total		4,005,807	4,110,795	4,192,351	1.98%
Contractual Services					
5001	Conferences & Meetings	19,121	31,230	31,230	0.00%
5010	Audit & Management Services	26,160	27,000	27,000	0.00%
5020	Organization Support	75,500	79,500	79,500	0.00%

5030	Public Relations	70,718	75,000	75,000	0.00%
5050	Publication of Legal Notices	4,796	5,000	5,000	0.00%
5070	Professional Fees	-	15,000	15,000	0.00%
5080	Legal Fees	105,158	105,000	105,000	0.00%
5090	Insurance - Employees	690,035	754,500	829,950	10.00%
5101	Insurance - Retirees	-	5,000	5,500	10.00%
5130	Telephone	77,251	80,400	81,767	1.70%
5140	Electricity & Water	80,915	100,250	101,954	1.70%
5150	Gas	18,418	39,500	39,500	0.00%
5180	Consulting Services	12,414	19,500	19,500	0.00%
5181	Banking Services	-	1,400	1,400	0.00%
5190	Dispatch Services	-	27,800	28,634	3.00%
5200	Association Dues	8,996	11,085	11,085	0.00%
5210	Training Expenses	21,262	34,337	34,337	0.00%
5220	Tuition Reimbursement	860	2,000	2,000	0.00%
5230	Employee Recruitment	5,796	11,950	11,950	0.00%
5231	Recruitment	-	700	700	0.00%
5240	Employee Recognition	15,969	10,300	10,300	0.00%
5241	Recognition	-	6,018	6,018	0.00%
Sub-Total		1,233,369	1,442,470	1,522,325	5.54%

Commodities

6010	Office Supplies	4,753	22,500	22,500	0.00%
6015	Supplies	20,909	26,210	26,210	0.00%
6020	Nature Center Supplies	10,161	12,700	12,700	0.00%
6030	Field Supplies	156,038	202,760	202,760	0.00%
6033	Wildlife Studies	-	35,000	35,000	0.00%
6035	Native Seed	-	60,000	60,000	0.00%
6045	Horticultural Supplies	-	15,000	15,000	0.00%
6060	Police supplies	4,380	14,000	14,000	0.00%
6070	Uniforms	13,149	23,625	23,625	0.00%
6080	Mileage	6,823	8,650	8,650	0.00%
6090	Repair - Maint. Bldgs & Grds	215,891	223,280	227,076	1.70%
6100	Repair - Maint. Vehicles	78,984	91,200	92,750	1.70%
6105	Rental Properties Maint.	10,239	20,000	20,340	1.70%
6110	Repair - Maint. Equipment	99,741	96,750	98,395	1.70%
6115	Rental Equipment	9,308	15,500	15,764	1.70%
6116	Sign Shop Materials	1,965	18,000	18,000	0.00%
6117	Tools - Tradesmen	2,559	6,000	6,000	0.00%
6118	Information Technology	-	25,000	25,000	0.00%
6120	Fuel - Heating	12,427	27,000	27,459	1.70%
6130	Fuel - Vehicles	257,141	281,000	285,777	1.70%
Sub-Total		904,466	1,224,175	1,237,005	1.05%

Capital Outlay

7001	Office Equipment	15,962	13,000	13,000	0.00%
7010	Automotive Equipment	292,407	284,000	288,828	1.70%

7020	Machinery & Equipment	88,377	102,500	104,243	1.70%
	Sub-Total	396,746	399,500	406,071	1.64%
Other					
8001	County of Kane Services	73,866	80,000	80,000	0.00%
8010	Contingencies	10,410	59,160	15,348	-74.06%
	Sub-Total	84,276	139,160	95,348	-31.48%
	Total Expenditures	6,624,664	7,316,100	7,453,100	1.87%

**Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Proposed Budget for 2014-15**

IMRF Fund

		<u>2012-13 Actual</u>	<u>2013-14 Projection</u>	<u>2014-15 Request</u>	<u>2014-15/ 2013-14 Variance</u>
<u>Revenue Accounts</u>					
3001	General Property Tax	364,370	405,000	415,000	2.47%
3010	State Replacement Tax	2,959	2,470	2,470	0.00%
3020	Investment Income	1,170	1,100	1,100	0.00%
<u>Total Revenues</u>		<u>368,499</u>	<u>408,570</u>	<u>418,570</u>	<u>2.45%</u>
<u>Appropriation Accounts</u>					
8020	I.M.R.F.	377,626	408,570	418,570	2.45%
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		<u>377,626</u>	<u>408,570</u>	<u>418,570</u>	<u>2.45%</u>

**Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Proposed Budget for 2014-15**

Construction & Development Fund

		<u>2012-13 Actual</u>	<u>2013-14 Projection</u>	<u>2014-15 Request</u>	<u>2014-15/ 2013-14 Variance</u>
<u>Revenue Accounts</u>					
3001	General Property Tax	170,929	174,500	174,500	0.00%
3020	Investment Income	37,163	5,500	5,500	0.00%
3030	Federal & State Grants	481,946	500,000	-	-100.00%
3031	Local Grants	48,000	-	-	#DIV/0!
3040	General Refunds	-	550,000	-	-100.00%
3041	Miscellaneous Income	30	-	-	#DIV/0!
3048	Rental - Strikers Club	-	65,000	70,000	7.69%
3065	FVIA - License Fee	305,421	314,583	315,000	0.13%
3090	Proceeds from Bond Sales	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
3100	Interfund Transfers	2,000,000	250,000	-	-100.00%
Total Revenues		3,043,488	1,859,583	565,000	-69.62%
<u>Appropriation Accounts</u>					
Contractual Services					
5070	Professional Fees	320,958	347,300	347,300	0.00%
5072	Trail Resurfacing	-	350,000	-	-100.00%
Sub-Total		320,958	697,300	347,300	-50.19%
Commodities					
6015	Supplies	35	-	-	0.00%
6040	Trade Supplies	84	-	-	0.00%
6050	Restoration Supplies	97,684	-	-	#DIV/0!
6090	Repair & Maint. Bldg & Grd	49,861	259,924	40,000	-84.61%
6095	ADA Projects	-	150,000	150,000	0.00%
6100	Repair & Maint. Vehicles	77	-	-	#DIV/0!
Sub-Total		147,740	409,924	190,000	-53.65%
Capital Expenditures					

7020	Machinery & Equipment	210		-	
7030	Buildings	-	-	-	0.00%
7040	Fox River Trust	2,513	680,000	500,000	-26.47%
7050	Land Area Development	3,964,216	5,880,307	3,000,000	-48.98%
7051	Non-Capital Outlay	2,000,000	-	-	#DIV/0!
7060	Restoration	174,623	322,536	150,000	0.00%
7062	Reforestation Program	246	100,000	100,000	0.00%
7063	Tree & Brush Thinning	-	125,000	125,000	0.00%
7064	Weed Management	-	100,000	100,000	0.00%
	Sub-Total	6,141,807	7,207,843	3,650,000	-49.36%
Other					
8010	Contingencies	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Sub-Total	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total Expenditures	6,610,506	8,315,067	4,187,300	-49.64%

**Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Proposed Budget for 2014-15**

Insurance Liability Fund

		<u>2012-13 Actual</u>	<u>2013-14 Projection</u>	<u>2014-15 Request</u>	<u>2014-15/ 2013-14 Variance</u>
Revenue Accounts					
3001	General Property Tax	258,834	260,000	260,000	0.00%
3020	Investment Income	2,545	1,200	1,200	0.00%
3041	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Revenues		261,379	261,200	261,200	0.00%
Appropriation Accounts					
Contractual Services					
5080	Legal Fees	288	50,000	50,000	0.00%
5100	Insurance - General	89,314	110,000	112,000	1.82%
5110	Worker's Compensation	97,166	110,000	112,000	1.82%
Sub-Total		186,767	270,000	274,000	1.48%
Other					
5120	Unemployment Compensation	19,039	18,000	20,000	11.11%
Sub-Total		19,039	18,000	20,000	11.11%
Total Expenditures		205,807	288,000	294,000	2.08%

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Social Security Fund

		<u>2012-13 Actual</u>	<u>2013-14 Projection</u>	<u>2014-15 Request</u>	<u>2014-15/ 2013-14 Variance</u>
<u>Revenue Accounts</u>					
3001	General Property Tax	316,431	307,400	317,400	3.25%
3010	State Replacement Tax	2,572	1,670	1,670	0.00%
3020	Investment Income	1,250	1,200	1,200	0.00%
Total Revenues		320,253	310,270	320,270	3.22%
<u>Appropriation Accounts</u>					
Other					
8060	Social Security Tax	293,467	310,270	320,270	3.22%
Sub-Total		293,467	310,270	320,270	3.22%
Total Expenditures		293,467	310,270	320,270	3.22%

President Hoscheit commented that the Executive Committee approved the levy as presented. The increase would be \$.83 for the average household. Forest Preserve taxes for the average household are approximately \$195 per year. Of that \$195, 81% or \$160 is debt service for bonds, mandated by the electorate over 4 referenda. The acquisition of Glenwood School by the District is an example of how we've been fiscally conservative. Households pay \$10 over 15 years or, if the property had been developed, residents would be paying \$100 per household in perpetuity. Eighty percent of property taxes is to pay off the District's investments and 19% is to pay for the day-to-day operations of the District. The District has added 2,000 acres, opened Creek Bend Nature Center and Big Rock Campground, and is scheduled to open the Brunner property next spring. There has been an 11% increase in the District's holdings with no increase in staffing. The 1.7% operations adjustment comes to us from the Executive Committee. The Forest Preserve has only one source of revenue, unlike the county that receives revenues from sales taxes, tickets, and court fees. County is looking for a 4-5% increase in spending when done with salaries. The \$150,000 would provide a 2% salary adjustment for our staff. There are approximately 400 volunteers that work hand in hand with staff in numerous forest preserves saving the District thousands of dollars. Raises allow us to maintain existing staff. The District's average increase in salary is less than 2%, over the years. We have been conservative and transparent in our dealings. The public has supported the District and like that their property values benefit from the acquisition of open space. In 2016, the average household will receive a roughly \$40 reduction in taxes and in 2017, another \$48 reduction per the average household. Freezing the levy will cause a decrease in services. The options available are a River Boat Grant or the District reaching into the reserves for this additional \$150,000.

Commissioner Frasz stated that the numbers are so close; it's virtually a flat increase. We are slowly climbing out of the recession and in 2016 and 2017 there will be a substantial reduction in the taxes. Commissioner Frasz would like to hear more about the River Boat option.

Commissioner Smith commented that \$.83 cents is not a lot of money, it is the message we are sending. People are in trouble approximately 6,800 homes went into foreclosure in Kane County last year.

Commissioner Allan asked if the farm revenues could be raised to help close the gap for the next few years, or possibly some River Boat money.

President Hoscheit responded stating that each year approximately 200 acres are removed and put back into prairie as is required by some of our grants. This would only be a temporary solution to the problem.

Commissioner Lewis stated that there were a number of issues, the fundamental issue is spending. The District could drain its savings or sell items. The District has already saved the citizens of the County money with the refinancing of the bonds. We need to look at possibly not removing property from farming this year. Commissioner Lewis stated he is comfortable with approving the levy for the District.

Commissioner Silva commented that her first duty is to listen to her constituents and hold the line on taxes. There has not been enough thought given to other avenues.

Commissioner Wojnicki stated that open space is the ultimate tax cap, as there is not the need for schools, roads or infrastructure. More people are staying home and using the preserves for picnics and outings. The opening of Creek Bend and the Big Rock Campground give residents wonderful places to visit and camp. The staff is wonderful and the preserves are well maintained.

Commissioner Donahue stated that he has listened to both sides and the arguments are equal. He represents his district and they voted in favor of the referenda's and they want open space. It is easy to be political but the increase is a very reasonable amount for the operation of the District.

Commissioner Starrett replied that she has listened to all the talk, but the number 1 thing her constituents say is do not raise taxes.

President Hoscheit commented please keep in perspective the Levy is a 1.7% increase; the District has 10% more property along with a 10% increase in maintenance on District property without additional staff.

Commissioner Pollock stated that the increase seems like a small amount with 81% going towards debt service and 19% for operations, but the public has not been given the chance to vote on the increase. Residents are saying do not increase taxes, hold the line. We must look for other solutions to hold the District over until 2016 and 2017 when the bonds are paid off.

President Hoscheit remarked that the Levy can be held over for 1 month while staff evaluates different options or approve the Levy as presented or vote the Levy down and have staff reduce the budget by the 1.7%, or table the Levy for 1 month and request from the County multiyear River Boat funds until 2016.

Commissioner Davoust commented that everyone is sensitive to the annual budget and as stewards of the District we need to look at the bigger picture. The District refinanced the bonds, saving the citizens of the County approximately \$1.5 million dollars and already have eased some of the tax burden. We now need to bridge the gap until 2016-17.

-Motion by Commissioner Kenyon, seconded by Commissioner Frasz, to table the Levy and bring it back next month and request River Boat money from the County until 2016. Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Allan, Auger, Castro, Davoust, Donahue, Ford, Frasz, Gillam, Haimann, Kenyon, Kojzarek, Lewis, Molina, Pollock, Scheflow, Silva, Smith, Taylor, Vazquez and Wojnicki. Voting in the negative: Barreiro, Laesch and Starrett; motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT: Executive Director Meyers announced the IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala to be held September 27, 2013 at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The District will be receiving 2 awards - The Best Green Practices Award and Partnership Award with the St. Charles Park District, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and River Bend Community Group for the development of River Bend Park – formally the Illinois Youth Center in Valley View. Commissioner Wojnicki will also be receiving her 15 year service award.

REPORTS: President Hoscheit called for a motion to place the reports on file.

Motion by: Commissioner Ford, seconded by Commissioner Haimann, to place the reports on file: motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Kenyon, seconded by Commissioner Haimann, to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at the Kane County Government Center, Geneva, Illinois.

John Hoscheit, President
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted
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